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Water Main Break Causes Confusion, Closings on Campus

BY JANA HOMES
Managing Editor

Wilbur Chaney, a senior marketing major, woke up yesterday and thought it would be a great day.

"I got all excited about my hot shower and the water didn't come out," he said.

"In the end I just scrub-a-dub-dubbed and had to get it done, but it wasn't a good look."

The water pressure problem that Chaney and other residents in the Howard Plaza Towers experienced was due to a water main break approximated to have occurred sometime between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Howard Place.

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority and the Fort Myer Construction Corporation workers experienced trouble locating the site of the break and resorted to restricting the water flow to the area, which resulted in the lack of pressure in the Towers.

Once the search was narrowed to the six-inch pipe that

runs under the street, workers had to maneuver around the surrounding 12- and 36- inch pipes to remove and replace a segment measuring about three feet.

According to Phil Austin, a Fort Myer employee, there were multiple reasons behind the break.

"The reasons for the break were old and cold," Austin said, explaining that the pipes at the intersection were susceptible to both old age and the recent fluctuating temperatures in the area.

Because of the excess water released by the break, the Howard University Center, which houses the Howard University Bookstore, Starbucks, and various university offices, was closed due to flooding.

The break also caused a primary cable fault to the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) transformer that supplies power to the traffic lights at the Georgia Avenue and Barry Place intersection, along with certain parts of Euclid Street, Sherman Avenue, 9th Street, and other area streets.

"There's not a whole lot on the transformer. I don't think the University's power was affected," said cable lineman

Mike Baker, who reported that one challenge to restoring power was the excess water in the area, which delayed the solution.

Pepco was eventually able to splice in a new segment of cable by early evening and restore the power around 6 p.m.

During the day, the Georgia and Barry Intersection was attended to by a Metropolitan Police Officer who ushered pedestrians and directed traffic, which was slow moving due to the congestion of trucks from the Sewer Authority, Fort Myer and Pepco.

The blocked streets included Barry Place and Howard Place, which led to the rerouting of University shuttle service to both the Towers and the main campus.

In addition, the results of the break interfered with the fire system testing scheduled in the Towers yesterday.

"They weren't able to finish the fire testing because of the low water pressure," said Property Manager Larry Freelow. "They did all they could, but it will have to be rescheduled, probably to next week because there's an annual report that has to be given on it, so it still has to get done."

Outside of the reschedul-



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The construction at the Georgia Avenue and Howard Place intersection was caused by a water main break yesterday morning. The main break led to temporary closings.

ing, the Georgia Avenue and Howard Place intersection will need to undergo further work to replace damaged underground phone lines and

repave the affected area. No other complications or disruptions to University business are anticipated.

According to the official

Howard University Web site, the bookstore and the Howard Center will be closed until further notice.

Students Seek Diversity at Job Fair

BY EBONI FARMER
Hilltop Staff writer

Students crowded the Blackburn Ballroom yesterday to network with potential employers at the Third Annual Spring Career Fair.

"I attend every career fair because this is what I am at Howard for—to ultimately end up with a job," sophomore finance major Matthew King said.

Kim Wells, the director of the Career Services Office, stressed the importance of the yearly gathering.

"Job fairs are great. They bring together a variety of employers, and because of the variety, students are able to learn about the different career paths that they can take," Wells said.

He added, "At job fairs, students network and make important connections that will aid them in the future.

They learn how they can become qualified, or if they are already qualified, [they are able] to work for a company."

A wide range of companies were at the job fair to recruit students. Representatives from more than 100 companies, including Walt Disney Co., Johnson and Johnson Services Inc., Ford Motor Co., the U.S. Department of State, Bloomingdale's and J.C. Penney Co. Inc. were in attendance.

"We have always had a great relationship with Howard University," said Dee Dee Boykin, an after-market account manager for Ford Motor Co. "There are a lot of talented students here, and we want them to work for us."

She continued, "This is our first time at the spring career fair, but we usually attend the School of Business

career fair in the fall. We realize that economics students are not in the School of Business, and we wanted to make sure we included them into our recruiting."

Representatives from school districts were also at the event looking to diversify their teaching staff.

"Howard is a great source for diversity being that it is an HBCU," said Patricia Gainer, a representative from the Fairfax School District in Virginia. "Diversity is essential in today's teaching system, which is why we decided to come."

Freshman music education major Ariel Hawkins attended the fair to gain exposure to opportunities in school districts like Fairfax County.

"As a freshman, I want to have that extra step ahead of my peers and going to career fairs makes a difference," she

said. "When I go to look for a teaching job after I graduate, I will already have a networking database filled with people that I have met at career fairs."

The U.S. Department of State, which addresses issues of foreign service under the leadership of Condoleezza Rice, was at the fair with a goal to increase diversity. Although they are not allowed to hire, the Department of State wanted students to know that opportunities for careers in the federal government are available.

"Diversity, diversity, diversity is what we need, and Howard has what we are looking for," Howard resident ambassador Aurelia Brazeal said. "There is a lot of excellence at this university, therefore it only makes sense that we are at Howard."

Junior accounting major Alana Price was able to gain a lot of information at yesterday's job fair.

"There was a lot of diversity at the fair, which made it possible for me to learn things as a junior I didn't know. I talked to companies that I have heard of like Walt Disney and others that I have never heard of like Pepco," she said.

Students like junior finance major Aja Smith were exposed to job options at companies they never once considered.

"Domino's Pizza, a place I never would have thought to work for, was there and because I learned that Domino's offers opportunities that follow my career path, I am now thinking about [working for them]," Smith said.

The Power After Being on the Hall

BY MERCIA WILLIAMS-MURRAY
Hilltop Staff Writer

After college, most graduates are more knowledgeable in at least one discipline and more mature while having a sense of preparedness that only life's experiences can teach.

For students who have the responsibility and privilege of running for student government, the amount of insight gained is above average.

Byron Stewart says, "When I was a boy, when I was six, I wanted to be mayor of D.C." Stewart, who was HUSA president for the 2005-2006 school year, already has some experience serving and leading groups of people.

"Going through Howard, I graduated with a journalism degree," he says. However, his position in HUSA pushed him in a different direction.

Stewart says, "Now I'm getting my master's in public relations. So, it [HUSA] actually altered what I wanted to do." As president of HUSA, Stewart says he was able to have hands-on involvement with public service both on campus and in the community. He says people do not realize that everything in a platform will not get done because it is impossible to see into the future.

Natural disasters that hit Louisiana, Florida and other coastal states caught him and his administration off guard, and they had to

drop what they were doing to help others.

"I think one of our biggest accomplishments [was] during Hurricane Katrina," he said.

In addition to raising money and awareness for people affected by the disaster, the whole school served as a support system for the 400 students who came to Howard from the Gulf Coast region.

Stewart commends everyone who worked for him and says, "As an administrator, I think we did a good job at being accessible [and] being visible."

Stewart says student government is about being accessible. He says he made sure that he was always available during his office hours and staff members were present on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Stewart says he has always been into politics, but that it is not about a position. Whether his duties involve the private or public sector, elected or not, his main concern is helping the community.

As the 2003-2004 HUSA president, Dan Blakemore made big changes that were less visible to most of the student population. Blakemore was responsible for reforming the General Assembly.

Before he came into office, the president and vice president of HUSA were the chair and co-chair of the General Assembly. He believed that it was a

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Jessica De Lige - Staff Photographer

Nduka Jemle, a sophomore in the School of Business, meets with a representative from Disney at the Third Annual Career Fair yesterday in Blackburn.

Three Years Later Bison Still Watch Over Campus Through Student Safety Program

BY TRAVER RIGGINS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Security is a common issue taken seriously around campus. The subject appears on the platforms of many candidates and slates this elections season. While people are constantly concerned about what Howard can do for them as far as safety is concerned, they are not as quick to question what they are able to do for themselves.

This is exactly where the Bison Watch program comes in. Established during the 2003-2004 school year by Dean of Residence Life, Charles Gibbs, the program brings residents together to form a community watch program, according to Marc Lee, assistant dean of residence life.

"It is a residence hall student organization of concerned citizens of the residence hall," Larry Frelow, property manager of Howard Plaza Towers said. "It's one of the internal security programs that we have," he added.

The program is comprised of residence hall members who want to help out.

"They are students who have a concern for their living environment and wish to join the residential staff in assisting with securing the hall after visitation hours are over," Lee said.

Student volunteers team up with the residence halls to provide security checks and patrols in addition to those provided by professionals.

"The residence halls can't employ enough guards, especially at two or three in the morning," Makesi Quashie, a junior civil engineering major said.

The students are responsible for checking side doors and entrances of the halls, as well as stairwells and other areas of their buildings.

Jessica White, a Slowe Hall Bison Watch participant and sophomore psychology major said that she has found doors ajar and has had to report some suspicious activity. Frelow said the he appreciates the extra eyes and ears

of the program around homecoming and move-in and out times.

"It's a worthwhile addition to the security within some of the dorms," Quashie said.

While all dorms are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the program, some choose not too. Lavalla Wilson, Ph.D., community director of the Bethune Annex, said that the program is a good idea and has tried it in the past. The experience, however, and the large number of doors and tucked away side entrances, showed her that implementing the program in her hall might not be as effective as additional professional security would be.

Each hall has a different number of students on their councils.

"At Slowe we have about 12-16 participants and our supervisor split us up in groups A-F," White said. Each group is on a scrambled schedule that makes rounds at 8 p.m. and 12 a.m., during peak hours of suspicious activity, according to White.

White decided to participate in the program after attending an informational session. "A lot of the students use the Bison Watch programs to gain additional points for the RSVP program," Frelow said.

In addition the bonus RSVP points, White has gained experience and opportunities.

"I think that it's a great opportunity because you get more involved with your dorm, you get to go around and see everyone, you get more family atmosphere," she said. She believes that the program could eventually be expanded into more than a volunteer watch program where students are actually employed to patrol the dorms.

"We plan to continue this stellar program, it is a very creative way to get residents to take an interest in their residence halls, as well as their university community," Lee said.

KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES: MARCUS WARE AND WILLIAM ROBERTS

Improving campus services, helping the community and strengthening intra-university communication are all a part of Marcus Ware and William Roberts' platform, "Homecoming, the Return of HUSA."

"Will and I are both about solving problems, not highlighting them," Ware said. "We believe that students hold the answers to a lot of problems facing our campus, and we want to bring students and directors together in one venue to not only discuss problems but to offer solutions."

Ware and Roberts' platform puts an emphasis on "hearing, understanding, serving and advocating."

"Hearing" involves alerting Ware to students' many problems with the validation process.

"Currently, students don't have anyone to advocate on their behalf regarding

validation," he said. "Next year, HUSA will overextend itself to ensure that students know that they can come to us, and we will help them get validated."

As a part of their "understanding" nature, Ware and Roberts want to hold "Put It On Blast" forums, where issues can be addressed by department directors.

With the "service" aspect, Ware and Roberts want to focus on Howard's neighboring community. They plan to lend a helping hand to the "Poverty Reduction Initiative," which will involve other colleges and universities in the District.

Through "advocacy," Ware and Roberts will try to put an end to the communication breakdowns throughout the University. They plan to improve communications between the University's numerous clubs and organizations and

put time into increasing school pride when it comes to sports.

Ware said, "We plan on having a student organizational leaders' retreat at the end of April so that all new leaders of the student organizations will have a venue to meet, network and plan programs with fellow leaders."

If elected, Ware will strive to leave a lasting impact on HUSA during his term.

"If anything, we would like to leave a legacy that all the branches of HUSA have returned to their original purpose," Ware said.

Ware and Roberts would like to usher in a revitalized HUSA with an executive branch that actively advocates for students, a General Assembly that has more programming power and a Policy Board that finds a better way to collaborate.

Water Main Breaks: In Pictures



Derrell Smith - Senior Photo Editor

Confusion abounded as District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, Fort Myer Construction Company, and Potomac Electric Power Company descended upon a stretch of Georgia Ave. yesterday to attend to a water main break that sparked a domino effect of complications. The 6 inch pipe ruptured due to old age and fluctuating temperatures, spilling water out onto the street, up into the Howard University Center, and through a PEPCO high voltage line causing a primary cable vault and knocking out power to traffic lights and neighboring areas. University operations were interrupted when The Howard Plaza Towers experienced low water pressure, The Howard University Bookstore was closed, and The Howard University Shuttle Service routes had to be diverted around the congestion. The confusion was cleared and all was settled by early evening.



Hindsight: Christopher Cathcart

BY KIERRA JONES
Contributing Writer

Christopher D. Cathcart describes his experience at Howard University as being "somewhat unique."

He is a former student athlete who played football for Howard two years while on scholarship. Cathcart also served one year as HUSA president.

"I did all the normal,

everyday student things—dating, partying, hanging out and studying," the 1986 graduate said.

He added, "I also, via my work in and around student government, involved myself in a lot of political activities and protests and such, which I loved."

As a public relations major and Afro-American studies minor, Cathcart said, "My time at [Howard] has

forever shaped my life in terms of my world outlook and sense of community service." "The school's rich tradition of producing leaders and other folk who have changed and are changing the world really resonated with me after I graduated."

Cathcart knew of Howard's esteemed history as a student. However, he never considered himself a revolutionary Howardite until a

few years after he left and embraced what the concept really meant.

"As a student, being able to meet and study and organize with other students from all over the country and all over the world helped me understand the broader meaning of what being a HU student should be about, which I believe is educating yourself for life—not just a career," Cathcart said.

He added, "The life skills developed as a student leader have been invaluable in all that I do today both professionally and in terms of community service. And most of my best friends for life came via HU as well."

Cathcart said he could not imagine life without his Howard experience. He said family, friends and faith, along with Howard, have contributed to his development as a person.

Cathcart's life after graduating from Howard has been

just as profound as his life while he was a Howard student.

He has been a public relations professional for about 20 years, working with companies like Motown Records, CNN and Warner Brothers. He also created his own consulting company, OneDiaspora Consulting.

"I'm most proud of the work I've done in the areas of community service," Cathcart said. "I've been a mentor for Big Brothers and very active in working with at-risk youth in general. I have also been involved in raising awareness about the impact HIV/AIDS is having in our communities."

Cathcart also created Ledge Magazine, sat on the board of the Black AIDS Institute and published a book on volunteerism.

Cathcart mentioned his achievements to underscore his effort to accept the responsibility of service that Howard

graduates are expected to live up to.

"I've always believed that, as graduates, we had a commitment to be solid professionals and proponents of positive change in our community. I've tried to follow course," Cathcart said.

Cathcart urged current students to use their time wisely and to give back to the community once they leave the campus.

"By all means, study diligently in your chosen field and prepare yourself beyond just the class work. Find a mentor in your career path, and learn all you can now," he said.

Cathcart said students have responsibilities that extend beyond self-fulfillment.

"Students must give back to the community, challenge injustice, work for a common good and leave a mark on the University and the world," he said.



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Alumni from power hall reflect on the hall, tell what they are up to

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conflict of interest for the president and vice president to be a part of the legislative branch.

"President Bush doesn't run Congress," he says.

In addition to this major change, Blakemore oversaw more checks and balances made between the executive and legislative branches. Also, a constitutional amendment during his term resulted in the establishment of permanent committees.

All of the improvements went along with Blakemore's

platform, "Restoration: Restoring order, integrity and vision to HUSA." Blakemore wanted to make HUSA work as effectively and efficiently as possible. According to Blakemore, before his term there was "a lot of scandal."

Blakemore and his staff also oversaw the standardization of the organizational funding process. A portion of the student activities fee typically goes to funding for organizations. HUSA dispenses money to the organizations for programs held throughout the year. This was yet another way Blakemore attempted to

"restore order" to HUSA.

Blakemore says that as long as students retain the interest of HUSA executives and work with the administration, objectives will turn out well.

Overall, Blakemore says he enjoyed his term, although he did not run for a second term. However, Blakemore wishes he could have been there longer to achieve goals he did not have time to accomplish in a year.

After graduating in 2005, Blakemore stayed involved in politics. He says, "The summer after I graduated, I was

deputy campaign manager for city council back home in Cleveland." He also worked with the William J. Clinton Foundation.

Like Stewart, Blakemore is a graduate student in New York majoring in public administration. Stewart attends Syracuse University and Blakemore goes to New York University.

For now, Blakemore is taking a break from politics. He plans to return to Cleveland to work for Congress, or perhaps become mayor beforehand. He also has an interest in non-profit fundraising.

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Gallery Previews Local Professors' Artwork

BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG
Hilltop Staff Writer

In the warm, pristine environment of the Ninth Street Gallery, art lovers can enjoy the creations of local artists on display each month.

An opening reception was held Saturday, Feb. 25 to commence the new showing of art by Turker Ozdogan and Jeffrey Stephanic, two professors at George Washington University.

On solid white platforms, Ozdogan's ceramic stoneware pieces sit in various corners of the space while Stephanic's pictures hang on the walls.

Stephanic's computer-manipulated pictures show landscapes of the eastern shore, North Carolina and sites around the metropolitan area.

"I always loved being in the field, taking photographs of landscapes and cityscapes," Stephanic said. "I really enjoy the ability of the computer to manipulate things, to clean up and sometimes take out things. I hope people can enjoy the images from around town and the places I like."

Fonda Tuncer, a friend of Ozdogan, came to view the art on display to support him.

Other art viewers, such as Stephen Sier, came for the pure enjoyment of art.

"I wanted to see the art



Ceramic stoneware pieces and computer-manipulated photographs created by two George Washington professors complement each other well, while on display for the month at the Ninth Street Gallery owned by Zeki Findikoglu.

and explore the area," he said. "I think the photography is very good. I'm not an art expert, but what I see I like. It's very colorful."

He added, "When I look at it, it just gives a very warm feeling."

The Ninth Street Gallery is owned by Zeki Findikoglu, a Turkish-American artist, professor and scholar. His work is located on the upper

floor of the gallery and is permanently on display."

His bright and colorful artwork is displayed for sale all over the walls of the space as well as a shelf with his collections of Turkish folklore and postcards. Another shelf displays the reproduced works of other artists.

"These are all my work [and] the people we represent," Findikoglu explains,

picking up one of the pieces.

Not only does Findikoglu create artwork himself, but he also reproduces and enhances four other artists' work on a computer and sells it at cheaper prices. The artist is able to receive 25 percent of the profits from the sale of these reproductions without having to pick up any of the costs to make them.

"We make different sizes

[of the paintings]. I put my seal on the side to show I produced it," he said, pointing to the embossed seal in the corner of the computer reproduced artwork.

Ozdogan and Stephanic's work will be on display at the gallery until March 24. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Photo Courtesy of Charlotte Young

New Shaw Howard Deli Opens on 7th Street

BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG
Hilltop Staff Writer

On the corner of Florida Avenue and 7th St., loud booming go-go music can be heard blasting from a solitary black speaker sitting on the street. Three doors down, the smell of fries, chicken and fish tempts those walking by to take a load off and grab a bite to eat.

The Shaw Howard Deli, which opened in October 2006, is a new eating venue for the Shaw community.

"We wanted to put something back in the community because of the changes we see in the future," said Jacob Walker, the manager and co-owner of the Deli.

Walker foresees that it will be a problem for small businesses to find a location in the Shaw area as it continues to develop.

"You don't see a lot of small business owners, especially with minorities," Walker said.

Along with his co-owner Donald Campbell, Walker came to an agreement with the previous owner of the space to create the Deli.

The new Deli has a wide selection from hamburgers, chicken wings, turkey burgers, fries and macaroni and cheese, among other choices on the menu. Fish, grits and eggs are served all day as well as breakfast sandwiches.

The Deli specializes in chicken and fish, which come from old family recipes passed down through the generations.

Antonio Brown, a District resident, is already a faithful patron of the business.

"I like it. It's alright. My



Co-owner of the Shaw Howard Deli Jacob Walker (below) believes it is important to give back to the community. He would like to see more Howard students frequent the Deli.



Devehl Smith-Senior Photo Editor

son and a friend told me they had some bomb cheeseburgers here," Brown said. He now comes in regularly to get either a bacon cheeseburger or a cheeseburger.

"I tried a lot of cheeseburgers, and I like these the best," he said.

Vincent Parker is also a patron of the Deli.

"It was good to me," he said. "I just come in here to eat something while I'm waiting on the bus. I usually get whatever's on special. They've got good French fries."

Photos of Howard's men's and women's 2006-2007 basketball team hang on the blue walls of the Deli.

Campbell also hopes to obtain pictures of the local high school teams, as well as any other teams willing to donate a picture to decorate the small Deli.

"What separates us from other businesses is that we're giving back," Walker said. "It's not always about the dollar, it's more to it than ordering your food."

Both Campbell and Walker give back by coaching boy's basketball teams all over the country.

The two also sponsor the Washington, D.C. Assault, a boy's basketball team for those aged 12 and under.

"We really want to connect with Howard students," Campbell said. "We got a couple of kids. We need a little more."

Eventually, Campbell hopes to provide a service where students can use off campus dining dollars at the Deli.

The Deli is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

METRO MONITOR

There was an alleged hate crime in Frederick County after vandals defaced a mosque last week. Authorities said someone threw stones through some of the mosque's windows last Wednesday. The incident is the third of its kind against the Islamic Society of Frederick in a little more than a year, according to officials. Mosque leaders said the rocks may have damaged their place of worship, but not their faith in God or their fellow man.

A 12-year-old Prince George's County boy died Sunday of a toothache. The bacteria from a Deamonte Driver's abscess spread to his brain before he received any medical attention. Doctors say an \$80 tooth extraction might have saved him, but his mother was uninsured because the family lost its Medicaid. Driver's death highlights an often overlooked concern in the debate over universal health coverage—dental care.



File Photo

District health officials discovered that two hospitals have stored the remains of newborns and fetuses dating back several years, in violation of city laws. The Howard University Hospital and Washington Hospital Center are the hospitals in question. Howard University Hospital has 25 sets of remains in its morgue, some dating back to 2003, according to officials. About 95 sets were reported from Washington Hospital Center, dating back to 2001. Officials say these finds are sure to raise the District's infant mortality rate for the last several years.



Photo courtesy of waradio.com

Mel Karmazin, Sirius Satellite Radio chief executive, went to Capitol Hill Wednesday to discuss his company's proposed merger with rival XM Satellite Radio. The two companies are seeking a merger following several years of financial losses. However, the proposed merger faces review by the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Justice because of antitrust issues.

The District is set to get a new museum. Plans have been revealed for the National Law Enforcement Museum, which is slated to open in 2011. It is planned to be built underground near the memorial for slain police officers at Judiciary Square. Museum visitors will be able to follow patrols of different types of officers. The museum will also have simulators and exhibits that will give visitors a chance to make difficult decisions on whether or not to shoot at crime suspects, among other things.

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Sometimes It Be's Like That

**The Unfortunate
Truths of
Relationships**



BY AMBER ENGLISH
Nation & World Editor

When I was younger, it drove me crazy when one poorly behaved student would engage in some mischievous behavior, and suddenly the entire class would be sitting inside looking at each other during what was supposed to be recess.

It happened all the time. Group punishment, they called it. Those were the teachers I would complain about over the dinner table. It was the ultimate injustice at the time.

But somewhere along the line, that practice became acceptable and frequently employed.

Because today, when a poorly behaved member of the opposite sex does wrong by you, everybody who comes next has to pay for that one grievous misdoing.

The reasoning behind it is simple: you do not want it to happen again.

A wise man once said, "Those who forget their history are doomed to repeat it." Past experiences always influence future decisions, for smart people anyway.

Think about it. When you were a curious little kid and decided to see exactly what that stove felt like, you got burned. From that point on, whenever you saw a stove, any stove—gas, electric, even wood-burning—you didn't go touching it all willy-nilly.

Or heaven forbid you have the unfortunate experience of food poisoning. I bet you would think twice before eating that particular food again, no matter how nice of a restaurant it comes from. Even if you decide to go ahead and eat it, the painful memory would probably still be fresh in your mind.

Factually speaking, this is known as positive punishment. This occurs when an action is followed by an unfavorable stimulus like getting burned and results in a decrease of repeating the behavior.

The same goes for relationships. When a behavior, such as falling too fast, is followed by an unfavorable event like getting played, the result is exercising caution before declaring your affection the next go 'round.

Honestly, it is quite unfair to rush a person into opening themselves up again. Though, yes, there does come a point when it is time to move on, who are you to set that timeline?

In fact, being impatient is probably the number one way to go from boo to bug-a-boo in 60 seconds. Think about the little kid on the road trip asking, "Are we there yet?" every two seconds.

I believe if you truly care for someone, you will wait. After all, anything in life worth having is worth waiting for.

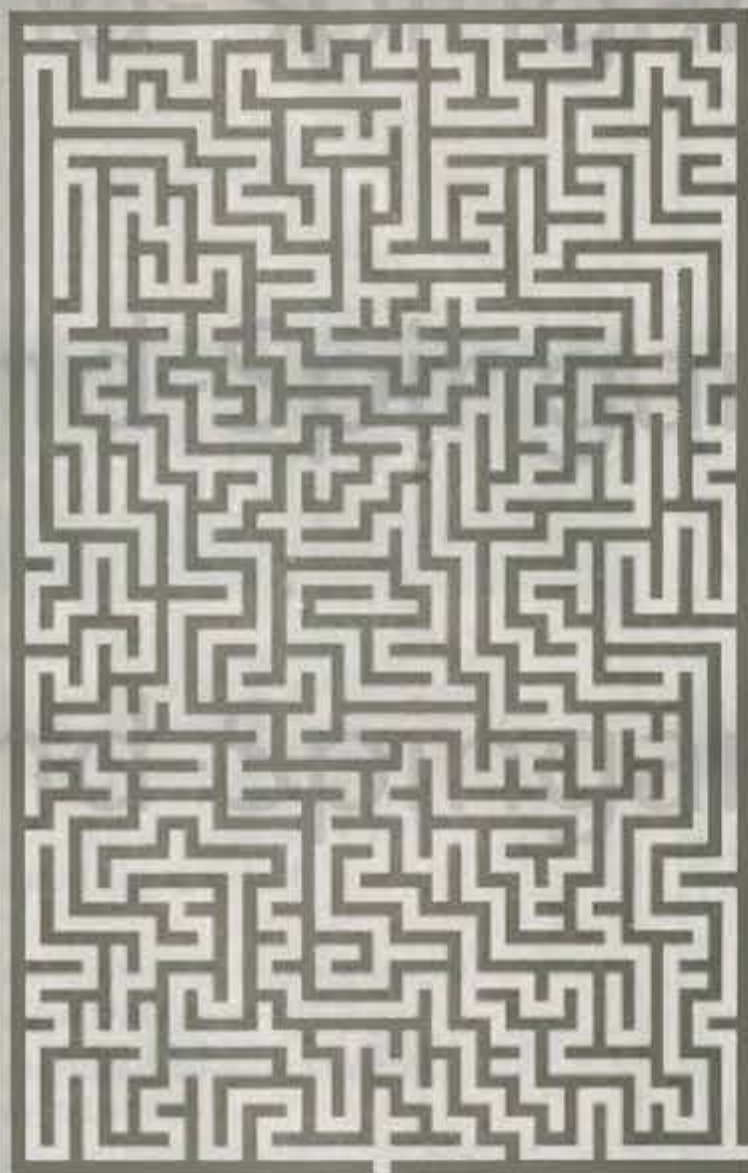
Don't take a potential future significant other's apprehension so personally. It is simply the result of one learning their lesson and applying the knowledge learned as needed.

Be considerate, understanding and all of those other things a good man—or woman—should be. And in time, it will pay off tenfold. I suppose it's just another example of nice guys and gals finishing last, but hey, sometimes it be's like that.

Have a better solution to preventing the past from repeating itself? Tell me all about it by sending an e-mail to SIBLT2006@yahoo.com

Test Yourself

Knowledge is power, so we at The Hilltop decided to test your knowledge. We'll be posing questions and providing you with activities to sharpen your skills and build your knowledge.



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Overheard @ The Mecca

Let's Just Call it "Vintage"
Overheard in front of C.B. Powell Building

Guy: So, just 'cause the First Lady is here, we can't go on the Yard.

Friend #1: Yeah, and the freshmen have to enter the Cafe from the back entrance.

Friend #2: Oh, heck naw. What the heck is this?

Guy: What?

Friend #2: This white lady shows up and all of a sudden we're back in the Jim Crow era!

One Sensory Deprivation Chamber Coming Up!
Overheard in Howard Plaza Towers West Elevator

Football Player 1: You getting off on [floor] one?

Football Player 2: Yeah. You coming to my room? We can play some Halo.

FBP 1: ...Nah man, last time I came by you didn't want me to play.

FBP 2: What are you talking about, negro?

FBP 1: You heard me, dude.

FBP 2: Well, no bull, but I was trying to sleep that night, and when I go to sleep my senses get all messed up.

FBP 1: What?

FBP 2: Like, my senses - I hear stuff. Like, everything, man.

FBP 1: I'm going to my room.

Check out more at Overheardatthemecca.blogspot.com and submit to Overheardatthemecca@gmail.com

Why...



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...do American Idol contestants attract controversy like Antonella Barba who had sexually explicit photos end up on the Internet?

...can't Bobby Brown keep himself out of trouble? He was recently arrested for \$19,000 in unpaid late child support and court fees.



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Chillin' With The Hilltop



Derrell Smith - Photo Editor

Lauren Jefferson, a graduating senior biology major, enjoys The Hilltop while waiting for class to begin in Burr.

Six Degrees of Separation

Can you figure out a path that connects these two individuals with six stops along the way? Try it out and send us the six degrees you come up with.



Britney Spears

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Jennifer Hudson

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Government Failing Troops

This Saturday, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates called for a review of the outpatient care center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, which is located on Georgia Avenue in upper Northwest.

Gates said the state of the center is "unacceptable" and recovering military personnel have poor living conditions, as revealed by The Washington Post early last week.

We commend the government for taking action and Gates for vowing to hold those responsible accountable for allowing the facilities, which are housed in Building 18 on Walter Reed's campus, to become so degraded. But the government has to act earlier when Americans' lives are at stake.

This is the same administration that is asking the country to hold them accountable for securing their lives. But how can we, when they cannot even take care of the troops they are sending to rid the world of terrorism?

Army Spec. Jeremy

Duncan, who was featured in the Washington Post's first news feature about the problem at Walter Reed, can see the bathtub in the bathroom above his through a hole in the ceiling. He is located in Building

18, part of an 18-building facility in Washington, D.C.

Our View:

The government needs to take care of our troops who are away and those who have returned home.

Every large institution is destined to have issues with repairing its infrastructure. The bathroom facilities in Carver Hall were poor and Howard administration just replaced desks in several classrooms in Douglass and Locke Halls, as reported in The Hilltop in 2005 and 2006, respectively.

But our institution does not have the same problems that this facility does, and the government claims that Walter Reed is the premier army medical facility in the nation, which rehabilitates soldiers from the most powerful military in the world.

These troops who risk their lives in going to Iraq are portrayed as heroes that we have to cherish and applaud. However, they are placed in deplorable outpatient centers.

It is hypocritical for the military to air daily commercials depicting American soldiers, marines and midshipmen as pseudo-superheroes and treat the wounded ones like second class citizens when they come home from fighting abroad.

Once the Senate Armed Forces Committee discovers who allowed this outpatient center to become such a poor facility, they should be court marshaled for allowing patients to recover in such poor facilities.

This is supposed to be the military's top medical facility. Strong disciplinary action and swift improvements are needed to show Americans that we actually care about our troops.

Daily Sudoku

Directions: Each row, each column, and each 3x3 box must contain each and every digit 1-9 exactly once.

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The 'L' Factor

BY CARYN GRANT
Sports Editor

The term 'L' is many times a loosely used one around Howard University. Students can be heard referring to things such as getting a parking ticket, doing poorly on an exam, or missing the shuttle as 'taking a L'—or taking a loss.

While watching the news of Clippers' point guard Shaun Livingston tearing just about every ligament possible in his knee on SportsCenter, my roommate and I exclaimed almost simultaneously, "NBA players have been taking some serious L's lately."

To quote NBA.com's fantasy player news, Livingston's injury, sustained in the Clippers' Monday night win over the Bobcats, was "a total knee dislocation." His knee effectively fell apart.

Livingston's was the third major injury to an NBA player this week.

He was preceded by just hours by Jamal Crawford, who will likely be out for the remainder of the season with a stress fracture in his right ankle. Crawford was in the midst of a breakout season with the Knicks, scoring 17.9 ppg, but will probably seek surgery for his injury.

And perhaps the biggest newsmaker was that of Dwyane Wade dislocating his shoulder last Wednesday against the Rockets. Following Wade's initial visit with the Miami Heat's team doctor, he was encouraged to undergo a season-ending surgery. He is currently seeking an additional medical opinion.

To add to the list, Chicago's Andres Nocioni is expected to be out for the season with a foot injury, Portland's Joel Przybilla may be out for three weeks with a knee injury, Denver's J.R. Smith is expected to miss a week to 10 days because of torn knee cartilage, and Boston's Wally Szczerbiak joined the team's ever-lengthening list of injuries as he prepares for ankle surgery.

Not to mention the series of nagging injuries which have relegated a number of the league's best players to day-to-day status.

Yes, L's all around. Wade's injury came at possibly the most inopportune time, as the defending champions celebrated the return of head coach Pat Riley following surgeries of his own and Shaquille O'Neal was just starting to get back in the swing of things after missing much of the season with a knee injury.

This onslaught of injuries in the NBA will not only shake things up in the second half of the season, but also could affect viewership and ticket sales, giving other players on these teams a chance to make a name for themselves.

Most of these players are young, so when surgery is needed, they should decide to go through with it. With many of their injuries, surgery is inevitable and continuing to put pressure and stress on these parts can only cause further injury. These players must think of their futures.

At the end of the day, each of these players' teams, with the exception of the Bulls, have records under .500. None of them are in serious contention for the NBA title, which makes the decision to simply chalk this season up as a "L" that much easier.

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Carlisle Flourishing In Senior Season

BY DEANDRA WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer

As she watched her older brothers play basketball, Shannon Carlisle dreamed of the day when she would be able to shoot hoops just as well as they did. Something about the fast pace and aggressiveness of the game attracted Carlisle, and she has been hooked ever since.

Carlisle, a senior physi-

cal education major, is now the point guard for the Lady Bison. Carlisle said she loves being a part of the team because it allows her to contribute to the Howard University legacy. Carlisle said that being a part of a sports team requires a lot of dedication and can often be time consuming, yet she finds the time to make it work.

"My basketball schedule

doesn't really conflict with my schoolwork because I find that I work best under a time line," Carlisle said.

Recently, Carlisle scored her 1,000th point against Morgan State University. Carlisle is also number one in the conference in steals, which head coach Cathy Parson attributes to her remarkable quickness and anticipation. Parson is very proud of the way that Carlisle was able to switch to the position of point guard and still manage to lead the team in scoring.

"Shannon is a phenomenal player. Point guard is not her natural position and she was forced to grow into it," Parson said. "She is extraordinarily quick and jumps really well. She is such a vital player that she compliments the players around her."

Team mate Melloni Benson, a senior forward for the Lady Bison, is also aware of Carlisle's sacrifices in switching into the point guard position.

"It's not easy to just switch

positions, but Shannon has the mentality of whatever it takes for the team or to score," Benson said.

Carlisle's ability to "step up" is something her teammates really admire.

"Whatever is needed, she is able to step up and get the job done," Benson added.

Before the start of the season, Carlisle set a few goals for herself, most of which she feels she has accomplished.

"I wanted to improve my shot and just become a better point guard in general. I feel that I have done that," she said.

Carlisle says that she has also improved in other ways on the court.

"I have definitely become more consistent and my leadership skills have become a lot better since last season," Carlisle said. Although she met some of her personal goals, she was not as satisfied with the outcome of this season.

The Lady Bison are currently 5-21 on the season, with a 5-11 record in MEAC competition.

Carlisle said that although basketball has its ups and downs, she still loves the feeling of knowing that she is contributing to the team and to Howard. One of the biggest drawbacks to playing college basketball was the limited freedom for players.

"I really wish that I had more chances to visit home. That would be nice,"



Senior guard Shannon Carlisle has registered career highs in points per game, averaging 15.1, and has three assists per game.

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said Carlisle, a native of Indianapolis.

Although she sometimes longs for home, Carlisle stays focused on what needs to be done for the rest of the season.

"My goal is to win the last four games in the regular season and put the team in a position to have a good seed in the tournament," she said.

She knows that hard work and dedication are key in the success of the rest of the season. So for now, Carlisle maintains her focus and continues to hope for the success that she has been working so hard to attain.

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